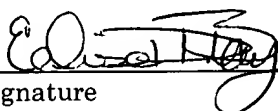




**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant : Keiko Matsubara, et al.
Application No. : 09/672,287
Filed : September 28, 2000
Title : **NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY ELECTRODE FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY AND METHOD OF PREPARING NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY**
Grp./Div : 1745
Examiner : Dah Wei D. Yuan

Docket No. : 40589/DBP/Y35

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Post Office Box 7068
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068
January 31, 2003

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated **August 2, 2002** for **one month(s)** from **January 2, 2003** to **February 2, 2003**.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below, taking into account the payment made on December 9, 2002, for a two-month extension of time.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$110	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$205	\$410	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$465	\$930	\$530 (\$930-\$400)
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$725	\$1450	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$985	\$1970	\$

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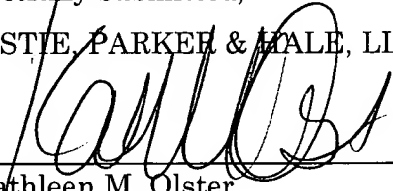
Submitted herewith is a check for **\$530.00** (which is the difference between the previously paid \$400.00 and the current \$930.00 due) to cover the cost of the extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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